

Tom Gordon



Tom, a California native, started his softball career as a high school student in the early 1950's. After joining the Air Force in 1953, Gordon pitched his first game—a no-hitter—in 1954. Tom continued to pitch during his military career and made two appearances in the in the Air Force world tournaments.

Tom arrived in Omaha for a 1963-1966 stretch at Offutt Air Force Base. During that time, Gordon pitched for the old Riveria Bar team.

He returned to Omaha in 1973 with his wife Ruth and sons Jeff and Bill, and continued to play on a number of teams and traveled to a variety of regional and national

tournaments. Tom continued to pitch into his mid-60's and for the past 10 years has managed Omaha's Dixon ZTR/Masters team.

In 1992, Tom took a group of high school baseball players to the ASA Men's Class C regional fast pitch tournament where they won the event and advance to nationals.

Tom said, "I never really kept a record, but I figure I won 650 games. Of course, there were quite a few losses in the later years, too. But I've made lots of wonderful friends through the game and have a lot of memories."